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SUBJECT: AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT

1. ON SEPT. 16, SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY MIKHAIL
TREPYKHALIN CALLED ON EUR/SOV DEPUTY DIRECTOR EDGAR TO
PRESENT FOLLOWING AIDE-MEMOIRE ON US CERTIFICATION OF
AIRWORTHINESS OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT:

BEGIN TEXT: TOGETHER WITH NOTE NO. 132 OF NOVEMBER 14,
1974 THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SENT THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE OF THE UNITED STATES THE "AIRWORTHINESS STANDARDS OF
CIVIL AIRCRAFT OF THE USSR" FOR EXAMINATION, WITH THE AIM
OF SIGNING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IN THE FUTURE
ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT AIRWORTHINESS
CERTIFICATES.

AFTER EXAMINING THESE STANDARDS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN
ITS NOTE OF FEBRUARY 25, 1975 INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EQUIPMENT OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT
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(ATTACHMENT TO CHAPTER 8) MUST BE ATTACHED TO THESE

STANDARDS.

AFTER IT WAS OBTAINED FROM THE AVIATION REGISTER OF THE USSR, THIS INFORMATION WAS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH EMBASSY NOTE NO, 52 OF DECEMBER 8, 1975.

THE EMBASSY, NOT HAVING RECEIVED ANY REPLY AT ALL FOR A PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS, ASKS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO COMMUNICATE WHETHER THE COMPETENT U.S. AUTHORITIES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR EXAMINATION OF THIS MATTER. END TEXT.

2. EDGAR, BY WAY OF A PRELIMINARY REPLY, ADVISED TREPYKHALIN THAT THE USG HAS FINISHED TRANSLATING THESE DOCUMENTS AND THE FAA IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THEM. HE NOTED THAT FAA MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING ITS REVIEW.

3. TREPYKHALIN ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE USG'S ENGLISH TRANSLATION SO THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN MOSCOW MIGHT COMPARE IT WITH THEIR TRANSLATION FOR AUTHENTICITY. EDGAR AGREED TO FORWARD A COPY OF OUR TRANSLATION AND STATED THAT A FORMAL REPLY TO THE AIDE-MEMOIRE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

4. FYI. IN VIEW OF SOVIETS' ATTITUDE TOWARD AIRWORTHINESS BILATERAL (PARA 6, STATE 138948), WE DO NOT FEEL SUCH NEGOTIATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.

WE WILL ADVISE EMBASSY OF FORMAL REPLY AND ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. END FYI. HABIB

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